

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the June 14, 2005 Office Action. Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 8, and 10 are in the application, with Claims 1 and 6 being independent. Claims 4 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,477,053 (Umemoto). Claims 5 to 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Umemoto in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0025084 (Honda). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

According to one feature of the invention as recited by Claims 1 and 6, the phosphor layer comprises an alkali halide and a light emission activator.

Umemoto is not seen to teach or suggest at least the foregoing feature.

Applicants submit that none of the compounds listed at col. 4, lines 14 to 18 of Umemoto is an alkali halide.

According to another feature of the invention as recited by Claims 1 and 6, the moisture-preventing protective layer includes a first plasma polymerization film covering said phosphor layer and formed from a monomer of a silane compound, and a second plasma polymerization film covering said first plasma polymerization film and formed from a fluorine-containing unsaturated hydrocarbon.

Umemoto also is not seen to teach or suggest this feature.

Nowhere is Umemoto seen to describe that his water repellent layer 2 and his protective layer 3 are plasma polymerization films.


Honda is not seen to remedy the foregoing deficiencies of Umemoto.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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